

# THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL: SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022

4:00 PM

Zoom Call & School Cafeteria Foyer

**1. Call to order at 4:02 pm.**

In attendance: Leah Schryver, April Bauer, Harco Middelkamp, David Amiot, Rhonda Pawlik, Leah Skowronski, Candice Deveau, Jamie Green, Melissa Schwab, Pat Topolniski, Kristy Krause, Krystle Croswell

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Added 7.1 Community Organization Functions Updated. Kristy moved to approve the agenda. Carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Krystle moved to approve the minutes. Carried.

**4. Trustee Report:** Report by April Bauer attached for full details.

4.1) April brought forward an Aspen View Public School Friends of Education Award Nomination form. *ACTION:* Bring nomination ideas forward to next meeting

4.2) April's monthly report: See full report for details *ACTION:* Decide if anyone is attending the Alberta School Councils Association Annual Conference.

4.3) Reviewed School Council resource guide. Will schedule time at meetings going forward to review.

**5. Principal's Report:** Report by David Amiot attached for full details.

**6. Old Business**

6.1 None to report

**7. New Business**

7.1 Community Organization Functions: Kristy brought forward information from a Health Inspector on proper food handling guidelines for school hosted BBQ's and breakfasts. We will use these guidelines going forward at our functions.

**8. Parking lot:**

8.1 Pancake breakfast, with the current health advisories and restrictions, should be possible for May during Teacher's Week.

**9. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on March 21 at 7:00 pm at the school and via Zoom meeting.

**10. Adjourned at 4:50 pm.**

## TCS School Council February 2022-Trustee's Report

The Board of Trustees has developed a Friends of Education Award for the division. Deadline for nominations is March 31.

The 2023/24 School Calendar has been approved in principle.

Mid/end of March the gym walls of the new HAK will be going up.

AP 160-Vaccination Status in abeyance.

Alberta School Councils Association Annual Conference is April 22-24, all online. AVPS will pay for the registration of one school council member to attend. Communicate with Tammy Ledieu regarding that registration. \$500 School Council Grant

The University of Alberta hosted a presentation on the curriculum, 15 minute sessions on each subject. Excellent viewpoint coming from those that are training our teachers. Below is the link for the recording of the expert panel's presentations. Scroll to the middle of the page until you see " Part 1: Mathematics, Social Studies, and Music" and click on "Watch the Recording."

<https://alberta-curriculum-analysis.ca/crash-course-on-the-draft-curriculum/>

A registration link for Part 2, which will be held on March 15 and which will focus on the draft Physical Education & Wellness, Science, and English Language Arts & Literature curricula, can be found near the top of the same page.

Focus 10 presented the viability study on Rochester School on February 24. The recommendation of the study was a full school closure. Notice of motion for April 14, 2022 is a full closure of Rochester School. There will be a series of individual meetings with Division Administration and Rochester families and community members over the next few weeks. A community meeting will be held at Rochester School March 22 that will be live streamed. Delegations will be welcome at the March 24 and April 14 meeting.

## Principal's Report - February 28, 2022

1. Aspen View Public Schools COVID Restrictions Lifted
  - On Saturday, Premier Kenney announced that most of the remaining restrictions related to COVID-19 will be lifted as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022. This includes masking requirements in schools and on school buses as well (cohorting is no longer required). All meetings, regardless of when they are being held, can now be held in person. There are no restrictions on crowd capacity in facilities such as gyms and community halls.
  
2. "COVID-Keeper" - Main Entrance as Sole Point of Entry
  - Main School Doors will remain locked until further notice
  - All school visitors must call TCS first to arrange meetings with teachers or school administration (i.e. school visitors cannot simply arrive at the school and expect meetings to be scheduled).
  - School visitors must report to the General Office and sign in
  - School visitors must have prior authorization from school administration before accessing any part of Thorhild Central School
  
3. TCS PowerSchool Automated Phone Calls, Texts, E-mail for Student Lates and Absences are sent out:
  - Elementary - 9:15 a.m. (absences and lates)
  - End of the day attendance - 6:00 p.m. for each period (absences and lates)
  - Junior & Senior High (Block 1, Periods 1-2) - 9:03 a.m. (absences only)
  - Junior & Senior (Block 7) - 1:00 p.m. (lates and absences)
  - All parents and guardians have the option of choosing to receive alerts in PowerSchool for their own children
  
4. Alberta Education Assurance Surveys
  - Alberta Education has begun mailing survey information to parents and guardians of TCS Grade 4, 7, & 10 students. Parents/guardians will receive survey packages from Alberta Education. Included in each package will be a letter containing a Random Access Code for accessing and completing the survey online.
  - Survey Link for Parents: <https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/>
  - Survey deadline is Friday, March 25, 2022
  
5. Beaverhill Bird Observatory Presentations
  - In-person presentations occurred on February 15th and 16th
  - Topics included: Life cycles, falcons of Alberta, wetlands, ecosystems, water conservation, and flight adaptations
  - A live American Kestrel accompanied the presenters
  - Based on student feedback, the presentations were very well-received
  - Beaverhill Bird Observatory link: <http://beaverhillbirds.com/>
  - Thanks to TEAM for sponsoring this initiative!